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A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Combating Racist
- 5 Teaching in Schools Act" or the "CRT Act".

| 1 | SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON AWARD OF FEDERAL FUNDS TO |
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| 2 | CERTAIN SCHOOLS. |
| 3 | (a) Prohibition on Award of Funds to Certain |
| 4 | ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.—No Federal |
| 5 | funds received by a State or local educational agency may |
| 6 | be allocated to an elementary or secondary school that pro- |
| 7 | motes the race-based theories described in subsection (c) |
| 8 | or compels teachers or students to affirm, adhere to, |
| 9 | adopt, or process beliefs in a manner that violates title |
| 10 | VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. |
| 11 | (b) Prohibition on Award of Funds to Certain |
| 12 | Institutions of Higher Education.—No Federal |
| 13 | funds may be awarded to an institution of higher edu- |
| 14 | cation if such institution promotes the race-based theories |
| 15 | described in subsection (c) or compels teachers or students |
| 16 | to affirm, adhere to, adopt, or process beliefs in a manner |
| 17 | that violates title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. |
| 18 | (c) RACE-BASED THEORIES DESCRIBED.—The race- |
| 19 | based theories described in this subsection are the fol- |
| 20 | lowing: |
| 21 | (1) Any race is inherently superior or inferior |
| 22 | to any other race, color, or national origin. |
| 23 | (2) The United States is a fundamentally racist |
| 24 | country. |

| 1 | (3) The Declaration of Independence or Con- |
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| 2 | stitution of the United States are fundamentally rac- |
| 3 | ist documents. |
| 4 | (4) An individual's moral character or worth is |
| 5 | determined by the individual's race, color, or na- |
| 6 | tional origin. |
| 7 | (5) An individual, by virtue of the individual's |
| 8 | race, is inherently racist or oppressive, whether con- |
| 9 | sciously or unconsciously. |
| 10 | (6) An individual, because of the individual's |
| 11 | race, bears responsibility for the actions committed |
| 12 | by other members of the individual's race, color, or |
| 13 | national origin. |
| 14 | (d) Rules of Construction.— |
| 15 | (1) Protected speech not restricted.— |
| 16 | Nothing in this section shall be construed to restrict |
| 17 | the speech of a student, teacher, or any other indi- |
| 18 | vidual outside of a school setting. |
| 19 | (2) Access to materials for the purpose |
| 20 | OF RESEARCH OR INDEPENDENT STUDY.—Nothing |
| 21 | in this section shall be construed to prevent an indi- |
| 22 | vidual from accessing materials that advocate theo- |
| 23 | ries described in subsection (c) for the purpose of re- |
| 24 | search or independent study. |

| 1 | (3) Contextual education.—Nothing in this |
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| 2 | section shall be construed to prevent a covered |
| 3 | school from stating theories described in subsection |
| 4 | (c) or assigning materials that advocate such theo- |
| 5 | ries for educational purposes in contexts that make |
| 6 | it clear the school does not sponsor, approve, or en- |
| 7 | dorse such theories or materials. |
| 8 | (e) Definitions.—In this section: |
| 9 | (1) COVERED SCHOOL.—The term "covered |
| 10 | school" means an elementary school, a secondary |
| 11 | school, or an institution of higher education. |
| 12 | (2) ESEA TERMS.—The terms "elementary |
| 13 | school", "local educational agency", "secondary |
| 14 | school", and "State" have the meanings given those |
| 15 | terms in section 8101 of the Elementary and Sec- |
| 16 | ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801). |
| 17 | (3) Institution of higher education.—The |
| 18 | term "institution of higher education" has the |
| 19 | meaning given that term in section 102 of the High- |
| 20 | er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002). |
| 21 | (4) PROMOTE.—The term "promote", when |
| 22 | used with respect to a race-based theory described in |
| 23 | subsection (c), means— |
| 24 | (A) to include such theories or materials |
| 25 | that advocate such theories in curricula, read- |

| 1 | ing lists, seminars, workshops, trainings, or |
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| 2 | other educational or professional settings in a |
| 3 | manner that could reasonably give rise to the |
| 4 | appearance of official sponsorship, approval, or |
| 5 | endorsement; |
| 6 | (B) to contract with, hire, or otherwise en- |
| 7 | gage speakers, consultants, diversity trainers, |
| 8 | and other persons for the purpose of advocating |
| 9 | such theories; |
| 10 | (C) to compel students to profess a belief |
| 11 | in such theories; or |
| 12 | (D) to segregate students or other individ- |
| 13 | uals by race in any setting, including in edu- |
| 14 | cational or training sessions. |